

Players: Zach Ballard, Ethan Bass, Drew Behrens, Josh Bell, Jacob Bergeson, Kenny Berry, Jon Bianchi, Travis Bos, Jake Boston, Drew Bower, Taylor Bowie, Sam Bricker, Tony Burrows, Ben Burzacott, Seth Churchill, Adam Davis, Tanner Farley, Andy Fisher, Chris Foster, Avery Gaston, Dustin Hickman, Mike Hoburg, Andrew Host, Brett Hughes, Kody Ingle, Brian Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Andrew Khounchanh, Ty Knowler, Brad Lamberti.

Brian Lathrop, Kevin Leffler, Scott Lusk, Jordan Mallicoat, C.J. Massey, Kyle McClain, Nick McGinn, Ryan Medina, Mike Medina, Chris Medina, Seth Negrete, Andrew Rojas, Stephen Saunders, Cody Shepherd, Jacob Slings, Stephen Smith, Nate Snead, Jeremy Snead, Billy Sowder, Jake Stewart, Tyler Underwood, Jared Vandewall, Jake Viggers, Tyler Walsh, Jordan Wells, Brett Wilkin, Harrison Williams, Tyler Wilson, Shane Wong, Jeff Woody, and Zoran Zailac.

Managers: Lexi Armantrout, Amanda Backous, Beth Denning, Amanda Johnson, Jen Larson, and Tommi Music.

Coaches: Nate Ballagh, Jake Bartels, Adam Booth, Eric Hendricksen, Bob Knipp, Kelly Knowler, Mark Martin, Randy Mehrl, Lou Mooney, Denny Muller, Troy Schwemm, Don Starcevic, Craig Wilkin, Pat Wilson, and Brad Zelenovich.

Cheerleaders: Caitlin Bair, Marissa Brehm, Callie Buck, Cassey Guldner, Kris Kaufman, Macie Kingery, Chelsea Kisner, Samantha Lynn, Mindy Roney, Marissa Rouse, Chelsea Sigmund, Ashley Sowder, Kim Sparks, Whitney Stewart, and Abby Vance.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Opportunity Village for over 50 years of service to Nevada's disabled population.

Since its founding in 1954, Opportunity Village has greatly improved the lives of countless disabled persons and their families. Through vocational training, community job placement, advocacy, and social recreation programs, Opportunity Village serves more than 3,000 people with intellectual disabilities annually.

Opportunity Village does far more than serve those with disabilities; this organization has a profound impact on the entire Southern Nevada community. Opportunity Village operates two work center campuses and one thrift store. It also operates a vehicle donation program, trains and places hundreds of disabled adults in jobs throughout the community, and hosts some of the most popular special events in all of Las Vegas, including the annual Magical Forest.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Opportunity Village. Their tireless advocacy on behalf of those with intellectual disabilities has enriched countless lives. I applaud Opportunity Village for their mission of encouraging its clients to follow their dreams, and I wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING DON HILLMAN

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the late Don Hillman of Tulare, California, who died Oct. 19, 2006 at the age of 86.

Don was known as Mr. Tulare. His life exemplified the character traits of integrity, humility, public service and love of family and community. He represented the community he loved on the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for 20 years, twice serving as its chairman. From that position of trust, he helped shape a county that has become one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world.

He was recently remembered by friends as the man every community needs and so few communities have. As a personal friend of Don's, I wholeheartedly agree with that statement.

Don was part of the Greatest Generation, serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, rising to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Born May 17, 1920, in Glendale, Hillman's family moved to Tulare a few months later. He graduated from Tulare Union High School in 1938. He was the student body president and, years later, he was on the organizing class reunion committee and the Tulare Community Auditorium Restoration Foundation.

He is also credited with helping revitalize downtown Tulare, which remains a vibrant and welcoming business district to this day.

He is survived by his wife, Laverne, his son, Dave, and two grandchildren. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this great American.

HONORING THE DETROIT TIGERS, 2006 AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Detroit Tigers, winners of Major League Baseball's American League Championship. This October, for the first time in 22 years, my city of Detroit, Michigan was represented in the World Series. After years of setbacks, 2006 marked a turning point in the fortunes of my beloved home team.

Just three years after the club suffered through a 119 loss season, the Tigers surged to the top of the major league standings in May, a position they did not relinquish until late September. Thanks to the play of veterans like left-hander Kenny Rogers and closer Todd Jones, the emergence of previously unestablished players Curtis Granderson, Brandon Inge, Craig Monroe and Marcus Thames, and the significant production from erstwhile All-Stars Ivan Rodriguez, Magglio Ordoñez and Carlos Guillén, the Tigers completed an extraordinary season by facing the St. Louis Cardinals in the Fall Classic. While our Detroit boys fell short in the series, finally losing to St. Louis in 5 games, they made all

of Michigan proud with their sportsmanship and hard work.

Every great team needs a great leader and the Tigers are no exception. Last October, after a disappointing late season fade the Tigers hired Jim Leyland to right the club's ship and under his brilliant leadership the Tigers roared to life. Leyland, who spent the first 18 years of his professional baseball career in Detroit, guided the Tigers to a 95–67 record, the Tigers' best season since 1987. In doing so, he also became the seventh manager in history to win pennants in both the National and American Leagues. Due to his achievement this year he was recognized with the 2006 Manager of the Year award for the third time in his career. Leyland also became the third person to win the award in both leagues.

Even though the Tigers did not ultimately win the World Series, in winning the American League Championship Series they demonstrated a spirit and determination that rekindled memories of the great Tiger teams of the past. I join both the citizens of Detroit and the great state of Michigan in congratulating the Detroit Tigers for their remarkable 2006 season.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN MAJOR OWENS

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Congressman MAJOR OWENS on the occasion of his retirement after 12 terms of service in the United States Congress.

Born in Collierville, Tennessee in 1936, Congressman OWENS' commitment to education began at an early age with his own scholastic achievements. He received a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, a Master of Science degree from Atlanta University, and later went on to serve as a librarian before entering the political arena. Congressman OWENS also served as a Community Activist and Ivy League Professor.

As Ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee for Workforce Protections, OWENS defended workers' rights by supporting minimum wage increases and strong protections of overtime payment. OWENS promoted the benefits of integrating technology and education, and fought to expand access to classroom technology for disadvantaged students.

The ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of Congressman OWENS' district—including constituents of Hasidic, Caribbean, and Eastern European backgrounds—is largely reflected in the multiplicity of his success within Congress. Congressman OWENS' influence has extended beyond our nation's borders: As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, he fought vehemently to restore the democratically-elected President of Haiti. His dedication to Africa and the Caribbean has shaped American foreign policy, including HIV/AIDS legislation and the African Growth and Opportunities Act.

The hard work and enduring legacy of MAJOR OWENS should be applauded. Mr. Speaker, I invite all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Congressman OWENS on his retirement, and sending him our best wishes for the next chapter of his life.